

Washington, DC -- U.S. Representative Michael A. Arcuri (D-Utica) announced today that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has awarded Oneida County \$2,850,000 to rehabilitate an aircraft storage hanger at the Griffiss International Airport in Rome, NY

“I am pleased to announce this important funding to improve services and capacity at the Griffiss International Airport, which continues to be a critical part of economic growth in the Mohawk Valley,” **said Arcuri, a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, which is responsible for authorizing funds for the FAA**

“These funds will help the county maintain the highest level of services at the airport. I will continue to work to bring federal transportation funding to the Mohawk Valley.”

“I would like to thank Congressman Arcuri for helping to secure these funds for the Griffiss International Airport,” **Oneida County Executive Anthony J. Picente, Jr. said**. “These funds will be used to rehabilitate a hangar at the airport which can then be leased as a commercial hangar, greatly adding to the continued economic development of the Griffiss International Airport and the County.

This grant will be used to rehabilitate a 28,000 sq ft former USAF Nosedock Hangar at the Griffiss International Airport. The rehabilitation of the hangar will permit its future use as leasable commercial hangar for continued economic development at the airport.

Air operations for Oneida County were consolidated at the Griffiss International Airport following a \$17 million commitment from the federal government through the federal FAA Airport Improvement Program. This additional funding will continue to improve the quality of services and scope of operations at the Griffiss International Airport. In September, Arcuri announced a \$4,375,371 grant for Oneida County to install approach aid instruments at Griffiss.

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